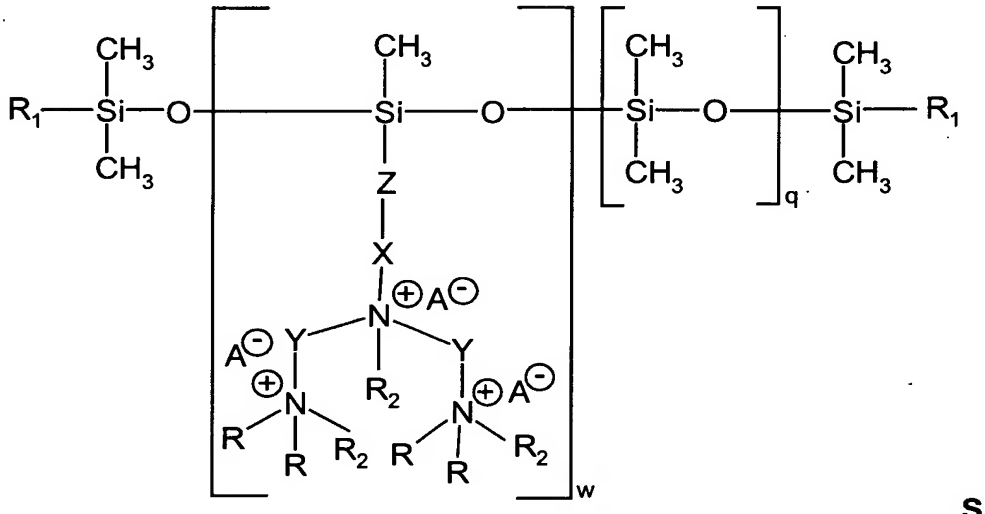
Amendments to the Claims

1.(currently amended) A multiply ~~Multiply~~ quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane of the formula (S1)



S1

where

the sum total of (q + w) has a range of 10-1500 and the q/w ratio has a range of 5-600,

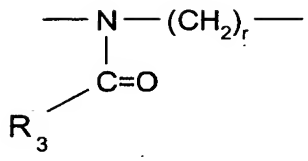
R is C_1-C_4-alkyl, linear or branched,

R_1 is hydrogen, C_1-C_3-alkyl or C_1-C_3-alkoxy,

R_2 is C_1-C_7-alkyl or benzyl,

X is a direct bond

or

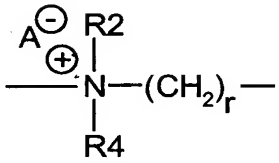


where

r is 1-4 and

R_3 is C_1-C_7-alkyl or -NH-C_1-C_7-alkyl,

or

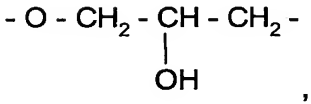


where

R_2 and r are each as defined above,

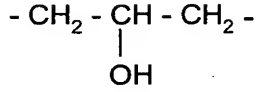
R_4 is C_1-C_3-alkyl,

or



,

Y is



or

$$-(CH_2)_x-,$$

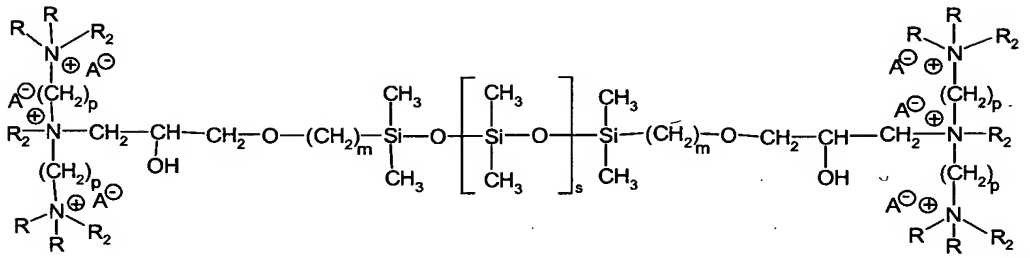
where

x is 1-4,

Z is C_2-C_4-alkylene, linear or branched and

A^- is $CH_3OSO_3^-$, chloride, bromide, iodide or tosylsulfate$^-$,

or of the formula **(S2)**



S2

where

R, R_2 and A^- have the same meaning as in formula (S1),

m is 1 - 4,

p is 1 - 4, and

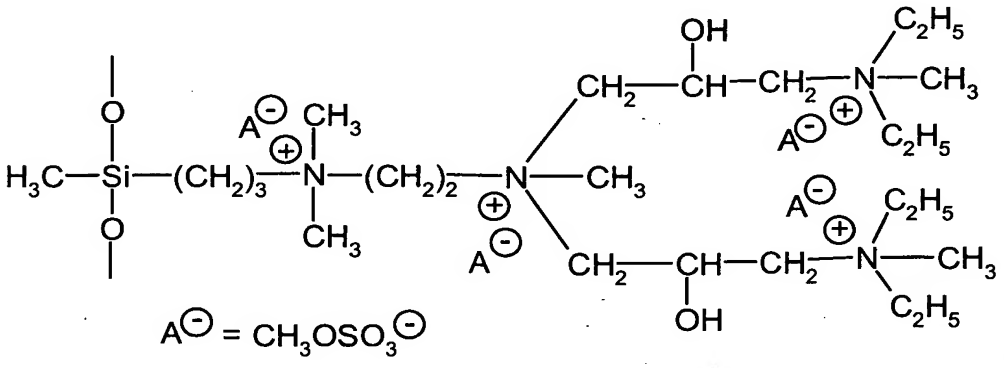
s is 5 – 1500.

2. (currently amended) A multiply ~~Multiply~~ quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane according to Claim 1 wherein

the sum total of (q + w) has a range of 15-600 and the q/w ratio has a range of 10-400,

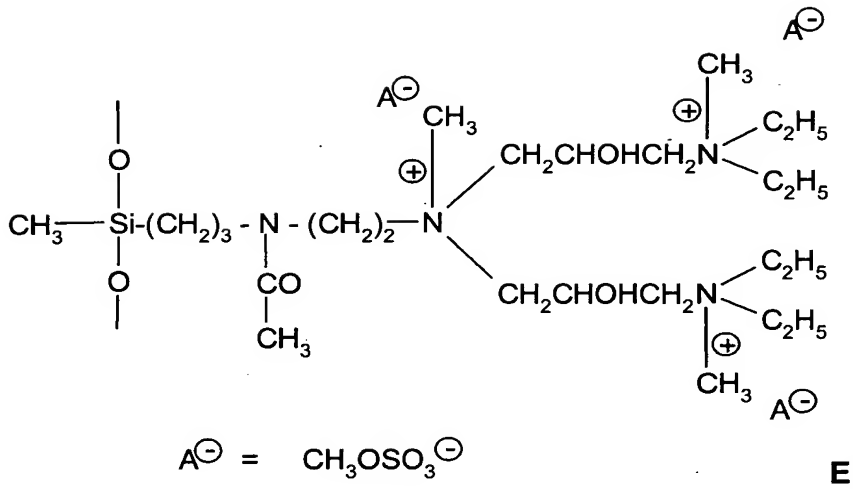
R	is methyl, ethyl or propyl,
R_1	is H, methyl, -OCH_3 or -OC_2H_5,
R_2	is methyl or benzyl,
R_3	is methyl or -NH-C_4H_9,
R_4	is methyl,
Z	is C_3-alkylene, linear or branched,
A^-	is $CH_3OSO_3^-$ or chloride,
m	is 3,
p	is 3,
s	is 10 - 600,
r	is 2, and
x	is 3.

3.(currently amended) A multiply ~~Multiply~~ quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane according to Claim 1 [[or 2]] having structural units of the formula E1



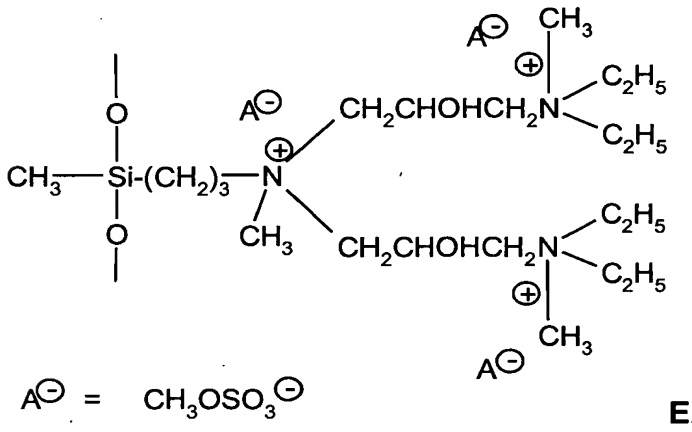
E1

or having structural units of the formula E1a



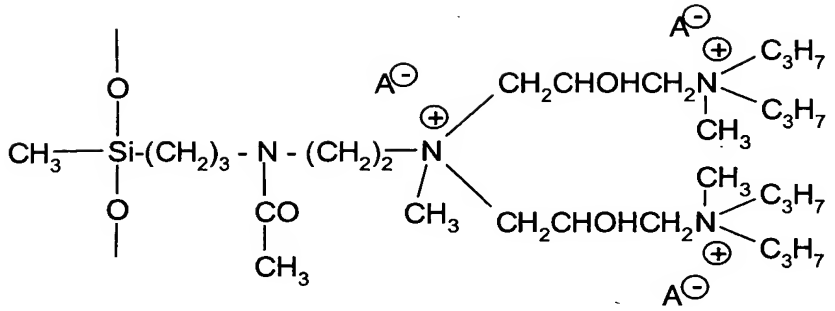
$A^{\ominus}$ = $CH_3OSO_3^{\ominus}$ **E1a.**

4. (currently amended) A multiply ~~Multiply~~ quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane according to Claim 1 [[or 2]] having structural units of the formula E2



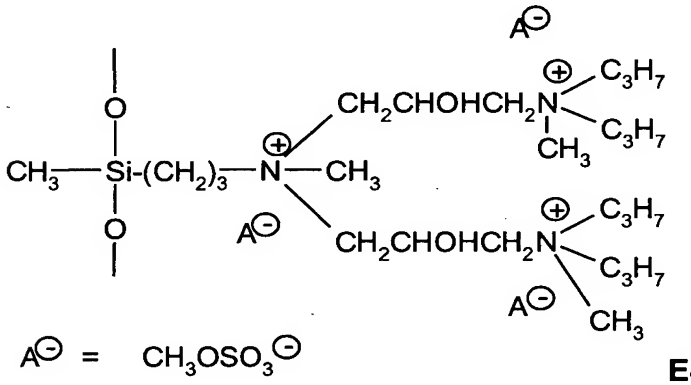
$A^{\ominus}$ = $CH_3OSO_3^{\ominus}$ **E2.**

5. (currently amended) A multiply ~~Multiply~~ quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane according to Claim 1 [[or 2]] having structural units of the formula E3



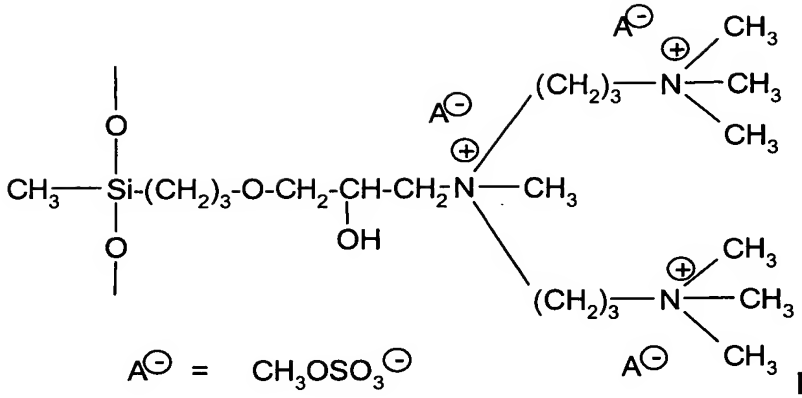
$A^{\ominus}$ = $CH_3OSO_3^{\ominus}$ **E3.**

6. (currently amended) A multiply ~~Multiply~~ quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane according to Claim 1 [[or 2]] having structural units of the formula E4



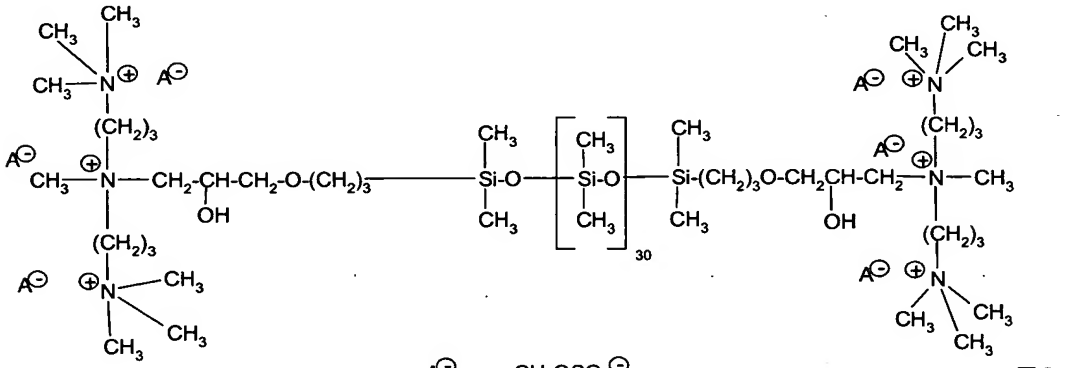
$A^{\ominus}$ = $CH_3OSO_3^{\ominus}$ **E4.**

7. (currently amended) A multiply ~~Multiply~~ quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane according to Claim 1 [[or 2]] having structural units of the formula E5



$A^{\ominus}$ = $CH_3OSO_3^{\ominus}$ **E5.**

8. (currently amended) A multiply ~~Multiply~~ quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane according to Claim 1 [[or 2]] of the formula E6



$A^{\ominus}$ = $CH_3OSO_3^{\ominus}$ **E6.**

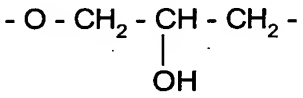
9.(currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for preparing a multiply quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane of the formula (S1) according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the following reactions are carried out~~ Claim 1, comprising the steps of :

A) ~~reaction of~~ reacting a dialkylamine with epichlorohydrin to form a glycidyldialkylamine,

B) ~~reaction of~~ reacting the glycidyldialkylamine with 3-aminoalkyldialkoxy-methylsilane or with 3-(2-aminoalkylamino)alkyldialkoxymethylsilane to form the ~~corresponding~~ silanes,

C) ~~reaction of~~ reacting the ~~resultant~~ silanes with polydimethylsiloxanediol or with octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane or with tetraalkyl- or aryltrialkyl-ammonium hydroxide to form polysiloxanes, ~~with subsequent quaternization~~ and quartenizing the polysiloxane to form the ~~multiply~~ multiple quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane.

10.(currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for preparing a multiply quaternized ~~polysiloxanes~~ polysiloxane of the formula (S1) where Y is $-(CH_2)_x-$ and X is



according to Claim 1,
comprising the steps of ~~characterized in that the following reactions are carried out~~:

A) ~~reaction of~~ reacting N'-[3-(dialkylamino)alkyl]-N,N-dialkylalkane-1,3-diamine with dialkoxy(3-glycidyloxyalkyl)methylsilane to form a reaction product,

B) ~~reaction of~~ reacting the reaction product from A) with polydimethylsiloxanediol or with octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, to form the polysiloxane,~~with subsequent quaternization~~ and quartenizing the polysiloxane.

11. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for preparing a multiply quaternized polysiloxane ~~polysiloxanes~~ of the formula (S2) according to ~~Claims 1 or 2,~~

~~characterized in that the following reactions are carried out~~ Claim 1, comprising the steps of :

A) ~~reaction of~~ reacting octaalkylcyclotetrasiloxane with 1,1,3,3-tetraalkyldisiloxane to form a reaction product,

B) ~~reaction of~~ reacting the reaction product from A) with an allyl glycidyl ether and a hydrosilylation catalyst to form a second reaction product;

C) ~~reaction of~~ reacting the second reaction product from B) with N,N,N',N'-tetraalkyldialkylenetriamine to form the polysiloxane ~~and subsequent quaternization~~ and quartenizing the polysiloxane.

12. (currently amended) ~~Use of multiply quaternized polysiloxanes according to Claims 1 to 8 as a softener in the textile industry~~ A process for softening a textile substrate comprising the step of applying at least one of the multiply quarternized polysiloxanes according to Claim 1 to a textile substrate.

13. (new) A softened textile substrate made in accordance with the process of Claim 12.